## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 760 By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Leo Walker Yoakum for being named Outstanding Alumni of 1998 for Carson-Newman College.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through their personal and professional endeavors are credits to their community, their family, and their state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Mrs. Leo Walker Yoakum, who was named the Outstanding Alumna of 1998 for Carson-Newman College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Yoakum is certainly deserving of such an honor, having devoted her life to education and to the public service of her county; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Henry Lewis Walker and Martha Farmer Walker, Mrs.

Yoakum received her diploma from Claiborne County High School and graduated from CarsonNewman College in 1937. After teaching for five years, Mrs. Yoakum served as the

Superintendent of Schools for Claiborne County in 1943 and 1944; and

WHEREAS, in 1938, Leo Walker wed L. Glenn Yoakum; together they would raise Mrs. Yoakum's best students, their children, Eleanor Yoakum, Glenda Yoakum Adams and Martha Yoakum. These children would in turn present their parents with four grandchildren, Stephanie Barger, Robert Glenn Barger, Oliver Adams, and Eleanor Johnson; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Yoakum, who served as the director of the Community Action Agency from 1969 until 1977, currently serves on the Claiborne County School Board as she has since 1990. She is also a faithful member of the TFWC Sodalitas Club; and

WHEREAS, despite her many other duties, Mrs. Yoakum has for years gone to all schools in Claiborne County giving poetry readings and recitations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Yoakum faithfully serves the Lord through her active membership in the Tazewell Baptist Church, where she has served as a Sunday School teacher and in other leadership roles numerous times; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Yoakum exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean: and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Mrs. Yoakum for her dedication to the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL

ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Mrs. Leo Walker Yoakum for being named the Outstanding Alumni of 1998 for Carson-Newman College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby honor and commend Mrs. Leo Walker Yoakum for her service to Claiborne County and to the state of Tennessee and wish her every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.